

Supplemental Draft EIS Notice of Intent Newspaper Ad
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**U.S. General Services Administration Notice of Intent to Prepare a
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement
on the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center**

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations [40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 1500-1508]) and the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800). The Supplemental Draft EIS will analyze and assess the environmental impacts of site acquisition and development of the U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) on three adjacent parcels at the Virginia Army National Guard's Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett (Fort Pickett) and Nottoway County's Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) area in Nottoway County, near Blackstone, Virginia. The Supplemental Draft EIS is being prepared to address substantial changes to the proposed action and will assess any new circumstances or information relevant to potential environmental impacts.

Fort Pickett and Nottoway County's LRA area was selected as a potential site in July 2011, and a Draft EIS was released in October 2012. In early 2013, the Administration indicated all efforts and work at the proposed sites in Fort Pickett and Nottoway County should be put on hold pending additional due diligence and reviews at an existing training site in Georgia. As part of the due diligence effort requested by the Administration, DOS conducted site visits to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. During this time period, DOS assessed the scope and size of the FASTC project and determined a smaller platform at Fort Pickett was more fiscally prudent. In April 2014, the Administration re-affirmed the earlier DOS selection of the FASTC proposed site at Fort Pickett and Nottoway County's LRA area in Nottoway County, Virginia, at a reduced scope of requirements. The project will proceed as a hard-skills only facility.

Based on adjustments made to the proposed FASTC Program, DOS has undertaken the preparation of a Master Plan Update that modifies the previous alternatives evaluated in the 2012 Draft EIS. The Master Plan Update concept will be evaluated as Build Alternative 3. The alternatives to be fully evaluated in the Supplemental Draft EIS include the No Action Alternative and Build Alternative 3.

Comments concerning the proposal will be accepted for 30 days. Written comments may be mailed by **October 3, 2014**, to Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager 20 N 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, or sent via e-mail to FASTC.info@gsa.gov. More information on the proposed FASTC program is available at www.state.gov/recovery/fastc. Future notices will be published to announce the availability of the Supplemental Draft EIS and additional opportunities for public input.